

Budget cuts threaten professor positions

By Sydney Eagleton
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

In the past, universities have not had to pay the debt of a declining economy. However, with lowered interest rates and a federal tax legislation that has hurt the state, the Kansas government is asking Board of Regents universities to propose budget cuts of their own.

“[Gov. Kathleen Sebelius] asked for review and reduction of overhead and administrative costs as the new fiscal year begins,” said Nicole Corcoran, press secretary and communications director for Sebelius.

However, with the numbers that were presented to the Kansas Board of Regents, it seems that overhead and administrative costs are not the only thing that will be reduced.

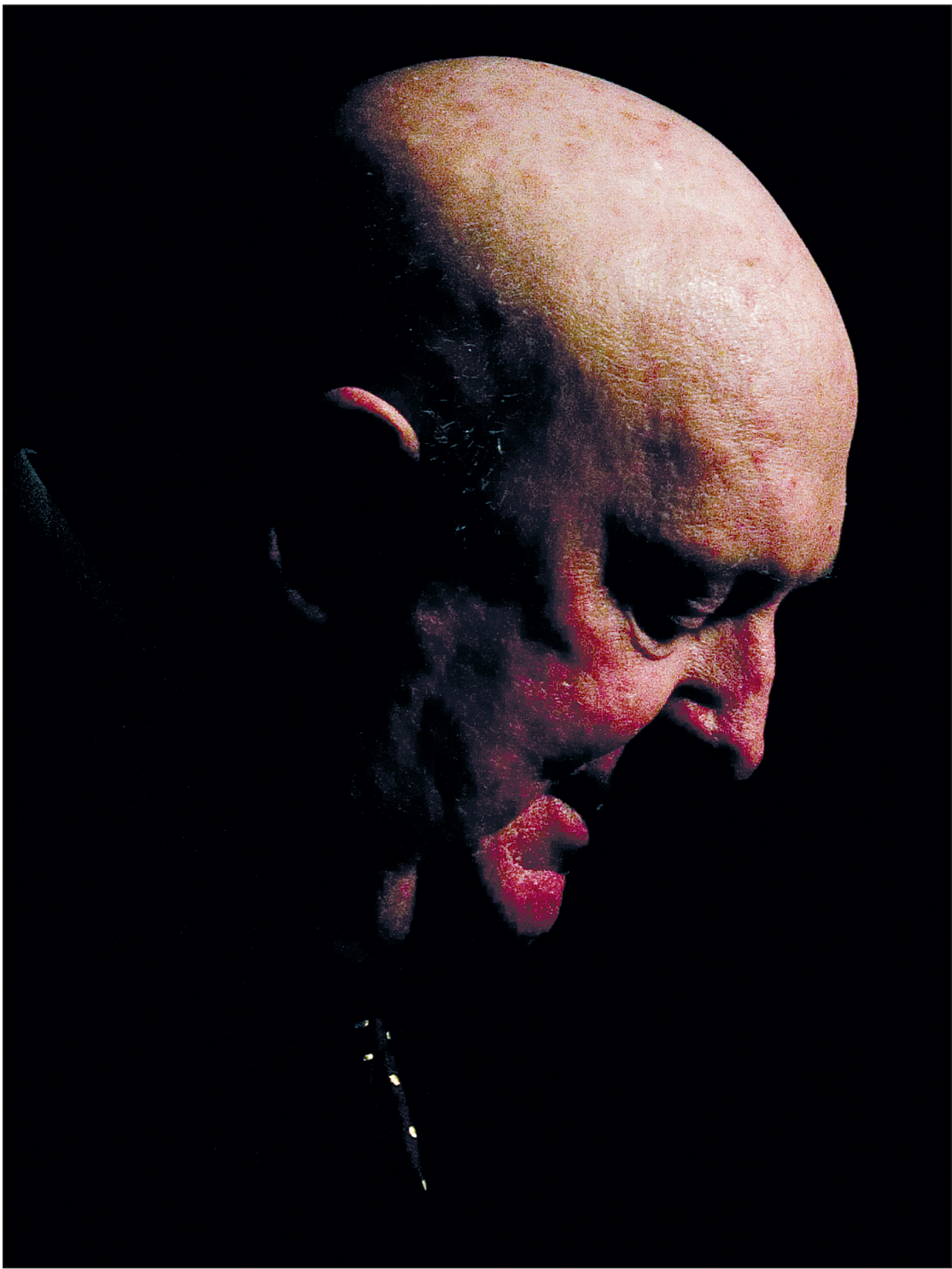
Vanessa Lamoreaux, associate director of communications for the Board of Regents, said state officials are asking for “a system-wide State General Fund reduction of 2 percent in fiscal year 2009 and an additional State General Fund reduction of 5 percent in fiscal year 2010.”

For K-State, that could potentially lead to cutting “180 jobs, [which] would result in the elimination of about 400 course offerings,” President Jon Wefald told Topeka’s KTKA 49 News.

“By losing the professors and courses,” Wefald said, “the student-to-professor ratio rises. It likely means that some students will see an increase in the time it takes to graduate because courses needed for completion are unavailable.”

The Board of Regents will meet to discuss the budget issues at its Sept. 17 meeting.

Passing the torch



Marlin Fitzwater, 1965 K-State graduate, spoke Wednesday about his life in the media and as press secretary for Presidents Reagan and Bush.

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Fitzwater talks about young voters

By Scott Girard
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

One of the longest-serving presidential press secretaries said younger voters are leading a call for change built on strong networking and civic involvement.

Marlin Fitzwater, an Abilene, Kan., native and 1965 K-State graduate, served as press secretary for former presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush.

Fitzwater said Wednesday that the younger generation – what he called “millennials” – are

much different than previous generations in several ways. He generally described them as having high levels of energy, high expectations, impatience with elders and institutions, strong networking skills and a willingness to express themselves.

“Where could you get a better group of political activists than that?” he asked, during his lecture in the K-State Student Union Forum Hall.

Millennials, he said, are not as concerned

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Study abroad fair today

By Eden Lehr
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Gaze up at the Sistine Chapel during a semester in Italy or enjoy the nightlife of Prague while studying in the Czech Republic. All of this and more is possible and affordable through the study-abroad programs at K-State.

Today, the Office of International Programs will have its annual Study Abroad Fair in the K-State Student Union Courtyard from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Rose Redington, study-abroad adviser and coordinator for faculty-led groups, said the Study Abroad Fair is an important opportunity that all students interested in studying abroad should take advantage of.

“The goal of the Study Abroad Fair is to expose students to international academic opportunities by providing them a chance to speak with representatives and students returning from study abroad experiences,” Redington said.

In addition to providing necessary information for taking a semester, year-long or summer term abroad, the fair is an opportunity for students to meet with program representatives one on one, build helpful contacts and hear from students who studied abroad.

Rodney Landis, junior in business management and international studies, studied abroad in Costa Rica for the spring 2008 semester.

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The Office of International Programs will have its annual Study Abroad Fair in the K-State Courtyard from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Weekly informational sessions about studying abroad are held in Fairchild 304, and the final deadline for spring 2009 study abroad applications is October 20.

Fresh orientation works to help minority women succeed at KSU

For one activity during the orientation, the women broke into groups, and each group was given a letter. The women were instructed to come up with a word or phrase for that letter that would help them form goals for college.

“I will ...”

- F** — finish and follow through.
- R** — be responsible and ready.
- E** — excel.
- S** — study and strive for success.
- H** — humble myself.
- W** — be willing to work hard.
- O** — overcome odds and take advantage of opportunities.
- M** — manifest and keep my goals in mind.
- E** — encourage myself and others.
- N** — network.

By Amelia Wiederaenders
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Black women in the 1920s, ‘30s, ‘40s and ‘50s excelled because they had to, the adviser for a traditionally black sorority said.

“That is their legacy,” said Barbara Wigfall, the adviser of Delta Sigma Theta. “That’s what all black sororities are striving for – improving quality of life.”

The orientation, called Fresh Women, was Wednesday in the Little Theatre in the K-State Student Union. It focused on acclimating freshmen and transfer students to K-State and helping them find programs to help them do that.

“A lot of times being in classrooms those minorities will be the only one in the class,” said Hampton, president of Delta Sigma Theta. “And there’s a lot of misunderstanding on both ends. By being open and asking questions and talking, that’s the only way we can gain understanding.”

Hampton, junior in biosystems engineering, was passionate about helping minority women succeed in college and life.

“The issue with freshmen is they don’t know how to balance extracurricular with academics,” said Hampton.

“Because of retention issues, [freshmen need] to get connected with their resources as soon as possible so they’ll be here second semester. It’s also a way to see minority females in leadership positions.”

Courtney Bimper, freshman in



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At the beginning of the Fresh Women event Wednesday night, which was hosted by Delta Sigma Theta, the first activity was a name game in which every participant associated an action with their name and memorized the names and actions of the participants before them.

open option, and Eresiya Odom, freshman in clinical laboratory science, said they were excited about the event and eager to see what they offered and meet people.

Hampton said the sorority has

five goals for helping women: economic development; educational development; international awareness and involvement; physical and mental health; and political awareness and involvement.

The sorority was founded to “promote academic excellence and to provide assistance to persons in need,” according to its Web site.

Wigfall said being part of the sorority is a lifelong commitment.

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Before you spend the weekend losing brain cells, test your knowledge of the Sunflower State.

1) Of Kansas’ 105 counties, 101 are in the Central time zone. Which of these counties does not use Mountain time?

2) If you consider yourself a county expert, do you know which of these is not a county in Kansas?

3) Kansas was the first state in the Union to enact and seriously enforce the prohibition of alcohol. What year did Kansas pass that law?

4) Kansans voted for President Bush over Sen. John Kerry 62 percent to 37 percent in 2004. Who was the last Democratic presidential candidate to win Kansas?

a. Cheyenne
b. Hamilton
c. Sherman
d. Wallace

a. Stafford
b. Stanton
c. Stevens
d. Stockton

a. 1866
b. 1881
c. 1902
d. 1914

a. Franklin Roosevelt (1940)
b. John Kennedy (1960)
c. Lyndon Johnson (1964)
d. Bill Clinton (1992)

answers: 1) a; 2) d; 3) b; 4) c

THE BLOTTER

ARRESTS IN RILEY COUNTY

TUESDAY

Paul Michael Scott, Wichita, was arrested at 9:19 a.m. for proba- tion violation. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Andrea Lynn Hidrogo, 709 Dondee Drive, No. 5, was arrested at 11:14 a.m. for endangering a child. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Eston Davon Bell, 102 Allen Road, was arrested at 12:30 p.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license. Bond was set at \$750.

Devin Deann Bailey, 700 Sunset Ave., Apt. 1, was arrested at 4:45 p.m. for criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$500.

Brandon Terrell Cox, 1001 Walters Drive, was arrested at 7:26 p.m. for possession of stolen property; failure to appear; use or possession of prohibited simulated controlled substances and drug paraphernalia; and unlawful acts relating to possession of opiates, opium, narcotic drugs or designated stimulants. Bond was set at \$2,618.

WEDNESDAY

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The K-State Alumni Association is accepting nominations for the 2009 K-State Student Ambassadors. Nomination forms can be submitted online or downloaded at www.k-state.com/studentambassadors. Job descriptions and applications can also be found there. The nomination deadline is today.

Intramural entries for punt/pass/kick, ultimate, and men's and women's 4-on-4 sand volleyball are being accepted until 5 p.m. today in the administrative office at the Peters Recreation Complex. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

Pamela S. Soltis from the Florida Museum of Natural History at the University of Florida will give the lecture, "Polyploid evolution in plants: genetic and genomic consequences" at 4 p.m. Friday in Ackert 120. Coffee and cookies will be served prior to the seminar. The Division of Biology is sponsoring the lecture.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of David Strohm at 10 a.m. Friday in Bluemont 16E.

Career and Employment Services will organize a résumé critique from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday in Holtz Hall. For more information, go to www.k-state.edu/ces.

The College of Business Administration will have an orientation meeting for prospective CIMBA-Italy Study Abroad Students at 3:30 p.m. Monday in Calvin 209.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Mohammad Alanazi at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 19 in Nichols 236.

The WildKAT Chase is a 5K run/walk through campus at 9 a.m. on Sept. 28. The cost to enter is \$15 and due by Friday. The cost will guarantee a T-shirt. Late registration can be done the day of the race from 8 to 8:45 a.m. All proceeds benefit CASA of Riley County. To register, contact Marissa at mdorau@ksu.edu.

Interested in being a K-State Student Ambassador? Job descriptions and applica- tions are online at www.k-state.com/studentambassadors. Applications must be submitted online or delivered to the Alumni Center by 5 p.m. on Sept. 25.

Fort Riley's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is sponsoring the Fall Festival Fun Run at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 27. The 1.12-mile run will start at the intersec- tion of Sheridan and Forsyth avenues in front of Trooper monument and kick off the day's festivities. There is no cost to participate, and participants will receive prizes.

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United Way branches out to KSU campus

By Sarah Burford
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State students are starting a community service organization on campus through United Way.

Melissa Heiman, director of operations at the Riley County chapter of United Way, a volunteer organization, said she has started contacting universities to create student groups.

"We're following the trend of other United Ways across the country," Heiman said.

The first meeting for K-State's United Way Students in Action group will be at 5:30 tonight in the K-State Student Union, room 209. K-State Provost Duane Nellis will speak, at the meeting.

He is helping the student organization get started and is a member of the Riley County United Way board.

Lauren Hoover, junior in marketing and international studies, is the president of the new club. She said the goal is to engage students in helping people in Manhattan, so they can have an effect that lasts longer than four years.

She said it is the only organization at K-State whose sole purpose is to engage students in volunteering.

"We really don't have anything like that, that's service-oriented and focuses on students working in the community," Hoover said.

Heiman, who will serve as one of the club's advisers, said United Way tends to be more connected to the older generation, but this campus organization will help engage younger volunteers.

"It's important to

give back to K-State even if they're not going to be here forever," Heiman said. "Wherever they go, the needs are going to be the same."

She said United Way wants to help the student organizations, but wants to leave the decision-making in the students' hands.

"We want them to take hold of the projects they want to do and make those projects theirs as well."

The first planned event is the Day of Caring on Sept. 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Heiman said volunteers can help repair community buildings such as Big Brothers, Big Sisters and the Crisis Center.

The annual Riley County United Way kickoff for the campaign will be that day also. Heiman said the event will be an excellent networking opportunity with people from Manhattan, including CEOs from area businesses.

Hoover said that at the end of September, the student group will begin general campaign volunteering. The group wants to get students' input on what those projects would look like.

"That's why we're looking forward to the meeting, to hear the students' ideas," she said.

Hoover said the group is still in need of students to fill positions such as vice president, secretary, and committees for event planning and the Day of Caring.

Ultimately, Heiman said, the group is in the hands of K-State students to do with it what they will.

"It's whatever you want to make it," Heiman said. "We want the students to do what they think needs to be done."

Law aims to focus on students

By Sarah Rajewski
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The dean of the College of Architecture, Planning and Design finds his passion in one thing: his students.

Though Dennis Law has focused on his responsibilities as dean for the last 13 years, he has been able to teach several classes.

"I remember, finally when I was offered a teaching position here, how much joy that brought me," Law said. "It seems that I haven't been able to give teaching my attention."

This problem has led Law to step down as dean after this year to return to the classroom full time. Law said he has several reasons for wanting to spend more time with his students, whom he describes as "the best in the world."

"The thing that really gives you a thrill is to watch them grow and take things that you say and apply those to their experience," he said.

Law not only teaches his students but learns from them as well.

"They come to us with all this variety of living experience, and background and cultures," he said. "I learn about myself a lot."

As dean of the college, Law has contributed throughout his tenure. He said K-State architecture has reached its highest national ranking, and the college's relationships with the professionals and alumni are also at a high point.

"That's all because of



Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN
Dennis Law, dean of the College of Architecture, Planning and Design, has focused on his responsibilities as dean for 13 years. He will step down after this year to return to the classroom

a good team," he said. "I don't want to take credit for that, except for to put together a good team and empower them to do their jobs."

Law has also worked to raise \$6.2 million for improvements to Seaton Hall. But, he said, the department is still trying to figure out how to renovate Seaton Court. He said the university is spending \$3 million on reroofing the building and needs to improve the ventilation.

"You would be shocked to see what Seaton Hall was like prior to 2000. Seaton Hall is so much better than it was; Seaton Court leaves a lot to be desired," Law said.

Rod Troyer, associate professor in interior architecture and product de-

sign, has been at K-State for 23 years and has seen Law's effect on the college.

"I think that it's been cumulative and profound," Troyer said. "He has made the foundation of everything that we do here, has taken from things that we aspired to do and kept hammering at it until we were doing the things that we thought were a stretch."

Law's dedication is also visible to his students.

Krystal Schuette, junior in landscape architecture, said she experienced an example of his loyalty one December when people were hurrying to finish their studio projects. At about 10 p.m., Law came around with his wife and

delivered Christmas cookies to the students.

"I don't think that probably happens at any other college, really," Schuette said.

Jeremy Anterola, fifth-year student in landscape architecture, said Law is a great teacher because of the time and effort he puts into his students.

"He's a great believer in the students themselves, and he invests himself in the students by being involved in what they're working on," Anterola said. "He always comes to check in on us and see what we're doing."

Law does not want to take the credit - it always goes back to the students.

"They've been great," he said. "They're what it's all about."



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International chess

Russian, Venezuelan alliance cause for concern



NICK A. WILSON

It was confirmed in an early Monday report that Russia plans to send part of its naval fleet to Venezuela for strategic exercises. Several ships, aircrafts and 1,000 soldiers will take part in the operation.

The fleet will include the nuclear powered “Peter the Great,” a heavy war cruiser, along with anti-submarine aircrafts, according to BBC News. The exercise will take place later this year in Caribbean waters. The reason for such a military move is expected to be in response to Washington’s aid to war-torn Georgia.

This comes at a time when American relations with both Russia and Venezuela seem weak. The ongoing Cold War rhetoric of Russia has sent diplomats into a frenzy of discussions, while Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has always been an unbridled critic of the United States.

Though it seems like another blatant political move, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Andrei Nesterenko explained that the operation was already planned.

At a briefing Nesterenko said, “This deployment has been planned in advance, and it is unrelated to the current political situation and developments in the Georgian region of Caucasus.”

However, this report by USA Today seems unlikely, be-



Molly Miller | COLLEGIAN

cause only a week before Nesterenko was quoted, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said he would install an unexpected retort for U.S. aid to Georgia. Clearly all recent reports coming from Russia cannot be valid.

In Chavez’s weekly broadcast, he expressed gratitude and thanks to Russian officials. When asked by BBC News about the American discomfort to the action, Chavez said, “Go ahead and squeal, Yankees.”

MSNBC reported that Chavez contacted Russia in July to form an alliance. The alliance was put in place to protect Venezuela from U.S. invasion, should that situation arise. Venezuelan officials fear an invasion for oil because of Washington’s decision to redeploy the U.S. 4th Naval fleet to patrol Latin America.

Sunday during his weekly

television show, Chavez said, “If the Russian long-distance planes that fly around the world need to land at some Venezuelan landing strip, they are welcome. We have no problems.”

Russia and Venezuela have had alliances and mutual agreements for many years. Russian officials have sold billions of dollars in weapons to Chavez from Russian officials.

The new fighter jets and submarines are being used to update the aging Venezuelan defense. MSNBC also reported that President Chavez is interested in a missile defense system like the one the U.S. will have put in place on Polish territory by 2012.

It seems to be a back-and-forth political game of chess with very high stakes.

The American public should be informed of all threats to the United States.

The pending actions involving Russia, in any light, should be inspected with a fine-tooth comb.

The next president of the United States will have intense diplomatic issues to assess.

Regardless of which presidential hopeful is inaugurated, the general consensus of any cabinet right now would probably be to use soft power.

Both candidates in the U.S. presidential race should make clear and decisive statements as to what should become of the Russian mess. The use of rhetoric at this critical juncture in wartime would be paramount to avoid future confrontation.

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People show true colors when faced with difficult times



SHANE ORAM

As the Red Hot Chili Peppers said, “Destruction leads to a very rough road, but it also breeds creation.”

Disasters give way to massive amounts of hardship and suffering, but in their wake we see glorious forms of humanitarianism.

Investing a portion of my weekend restoring the Kiowa County Fairgrounds in Greensburg, Kan., I saw firsthand the compassion we possess.

Led by some of New York’s finest firefighters, volunteers from across the country banded together to help a community still trying to get back on its feet.

Donating their time, energy and money, these humanitarians were able to provide hope to the community and to me – hope that something better is on the

horizon.

After all the trials and tribulations, there will be a bright side – a reason to keep believing and fighting the evils before you. It is amazing how just one person can do that for a community on the brink of giving up.

Hope in our country, hope in each other and hope in the human race are things that seem harder to sustain as the years go by.

War rages on, crime rates are still high and violence surrounds us at every turn. The world is not a very hospitable place.

However, miraculously, we find slivers of kindness that bloom and hearts that open. After the Sept. 11 attacks we witnessed the outpouring of compassion and sympathy for our brethren in New York.

The country mourned as Americans lost their lives in the foreign terrorist attacks.

The world stood back and watched as aid flooded into the city, and Americans stood side by side, unified against the imposing threat.

The power of volunteers was awe inspiring.

Now, seven years later, we have fallen back into our rut of

coldness. Turning into our selfish forms again, have we forgotten about the underprivileged members of our society?

Knowing there are still individuals who could benefit from our efforts, we turn away and focus on ourselves.

We are all too involved, spread thin and just plain busy, but what really matters in this world? Is it your job, your class work, your plans for Friday night? Or is it something bigger: each other?

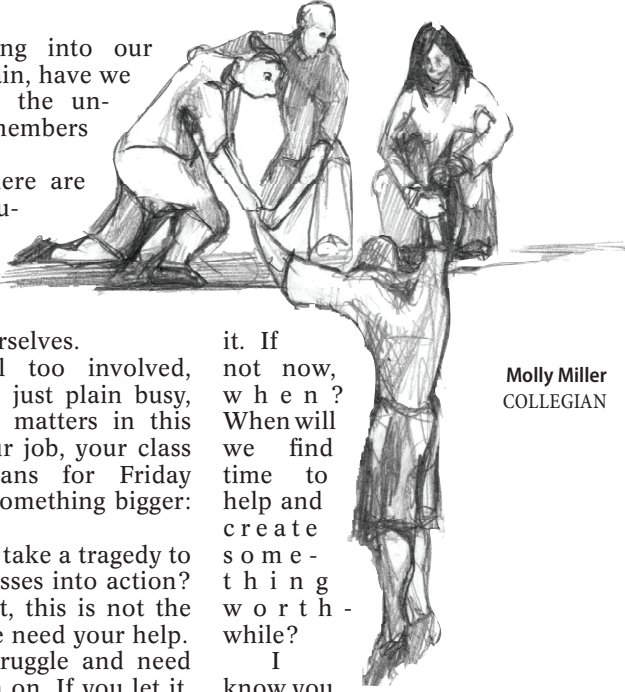
Why does it take a tragedy to motivate the masses into action? Believe it or not, this is not the only time people need your help.

All of us struggle and need someone to lean on. If you let it, that could be you.

Some of us are cautious about taking on an enormous project. Helping does not always have to be a huge task.

Whether it is someone down the street or across town, there is a plethora of opportunities to lend a hand in Manhattan.

This is our community, and it’s our responsibility to improve



Molly Miller COLLEGIAN

it. If not now, when? When will we find time to help and create something worthwhile?

I know you can. So will you transform a neighbor’s life today?

Shane Oram is a sophomore in political science. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

TO THE POINT

Post 9/11 actions, feelings more important than whereabouts

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian’s official opinion.

It’s been seven years since terrorists flew planes into the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington and a field in Pennsylvania, and nearly three thousand people lost their lives.

Ask anybody where they were at the time, and they will tell you they were in freshman health class or at work.

Most will remember the exact place down to specific details – they remember who told them and the televised coverage of the attacks.

But that’s not what we need to remember. What we need to remember is how we felt at that moment and

soon after – whether it was sadness for the fallen and their loved ones or pride as an American.

We shouldn’t dwell on conspiracy theories or store away hatred for terrorists – that’s not the lesson of Sept. 11.

It was a time when almost all of the country banded together to accomplish the same goal of defending the United States.

There was no red vs. blue,

no partisan politics.

With the upcoming election, those post-Sept. 11 sentiments seem to have been replaced by a widening political divide between the left and right.

Maybe it’s time we examined our current predicament and remember not where we were or who we called after the Sept. 11 tragedies, but instead look at the feelings of teamwork and caring that soon followed.

THE FOURUM 785-395-4444

The Campus Fourum is the Collegian’s anonymous call-in system. The Fourum is edited to eliminate vulgar, racist, obscene and libelous comments. The comments are not the opinion of the Collegian nor are they endorsed by the editorial staff.

To the dastardly thief who stole my bike today: pink and purple is really not that hard to pick out. Karma lays a heavy hand, you weasel.

Nebraska sucks.

I’m pretty sure my roommate has worms.

Hey, Collegian, how about one of these days you deliver some papers over by McCain?

I hate it when people are on the phone in the car.

When I hear an old dog regurgitate garbage just before death, I think of the Rolling Stones.

What kind of bees make milk? Boobies.

You wearin’ a thong? Yeah, I’m wearing a thong.

Congratulations, Riley County Police Department. You can give my roommate a DUI, but you can’t catch the serial rapist. Real nice.

To the guy wearing the bear suit: I’m not sure that’s the best way to pick up girls.

Hey, Fourum, this is your girlfriend, and I’m mad.

Fourum, you’re a whore. Call me back.

Does anyone else know that the world is supposed to come to an end tomorrow?

To all you girls out there: it’s not illegal to make eye contact with someone you don’t know.

So, we told a roommate to bring home a fat chick, and we picked one out for him at the bars, but he brought home an even fatter one.

Is it sad that I wish misfortune on myself so that I can have a speech topic?

It’s OK to leave class if you poop your pants.

Will the real Slim Shady please stand up and walk it out?

Ladies, if you’re wanting to lose your virginity, please find me.

To the girl who chews: 8:30? Really?

My roommate and I are better at slapping than you and your roommate.

The redheaded Irishman lost his virginity last week.

I need to put the parental block on my Facebook, so I’ll study more and Facebook less.

To the single junior: will sex be included?

I think the guy from “Sandlot” is living at Founder’s Hill.

To read the full fourum, check out www.kstate-collegian.com.

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EVERYDAY HEALTH

Health more than looking pretty



SARAH HURD

Everywhere you look, it seems people are searching for health.

We are bombarded with commercials pushing everything from tummy tucks to healthy food to a membership at the local gym. When most people think of health, they typically think of physical health. However, health isn't just about exercise or nutrition. Health is a state of overall well-being - soundness of body and mind.

The key to living a healthy life is to practice balance, not just in one area of life but in all.

K-State Healthy Decisions is a new initiative on campus designed to help students with their overall health. Its focus is to help students succeed in college by giving them the resources they need to maintain a healthy balance in their lives.

Sarah Tedford, employee of K-State HD, describes the program as a "one-stop shop" for health. She said K-State HD plans to have a student-speaker series in the K-State Student Union, as well as other programs on campus to get the word out.

K-State HD has resources for students regarding their finances, relationships, sleep, study, fitness, nutrition, time management, academics, career decisions, alcohol, safety and any other aspect of life students might need help with.

HD also has useful pamphlets for those needing a little extra information. For students requiring more in-depth intervention, the program might refer students to Counseling Services, Lafene Health Center, Career and Employment Services and many other helpful resources.

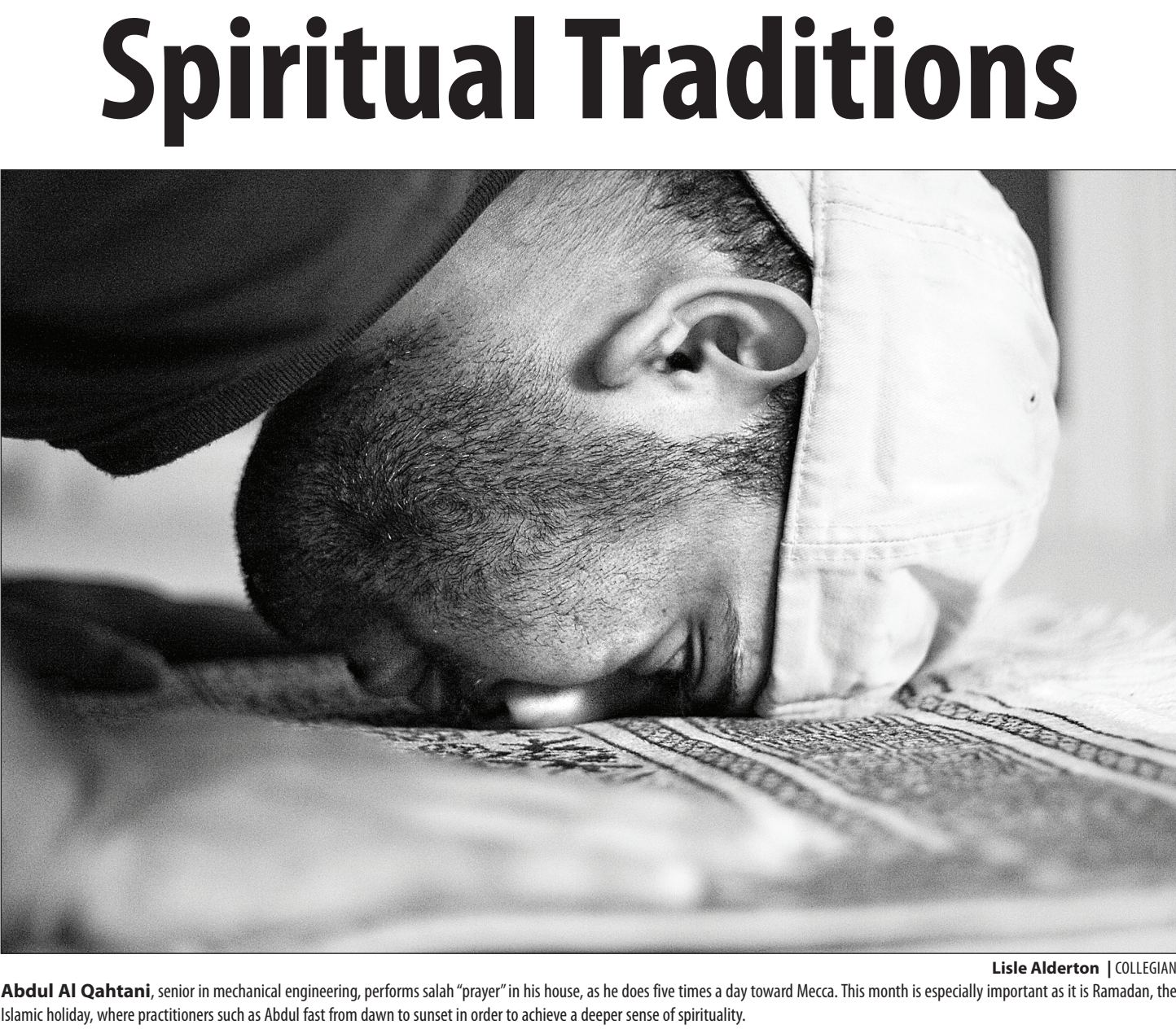
"We are trying to collaborate with a number of faculty and staff to get the word out," Tedford said. "Our goal is to see friends helping friends succeed at K-State."

With so many areas of life to focus on, it is easy to give all of our attention to only one or two. Yet next time you feel your time and energy being dominated by just your social life or academics, just remember that life is a balancing act. When one area suffers, chances are the balance will be thrown off and others will suffer too.

However, the resources at K-State can help you be a successful, balanced and healthy student.

K-State HD

To contact K-State Healthy Decisions, students can stop by the Office of Student Activities and Services on the ground floor of the K-State Student Union to sign up for an appointment. They can also K-State HD at 785-532-6541, kstatehd@ksu.edu or visit its Web site at www.k-state.edu/hd.



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN
Abdul Al Qahtani, senior in mechanical engineering, performs salah "prayer" in his house, as he does five times a day toward Mecca. This month is especially important as it is Ramadan, the Islamic holiday, where practitioners such as Abdul fast from dawn to sunset in order to achieve a deeper sense of spirituality.

Students share their religious practices

By Lindsey Davignon
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Moe Jad's day revolves around prayer. Jad, sophomore in advertising and practicing Muslim, prays five times every day. Jad said it takes strong self discipline to pray this often and follow the guidelines set up in the Quran, the Muslim book of Islam.

When temptations arise or frustrations occur, Jad takes those circumstances to God through prayer and thanks him for the luxuries Jad experiences.

"As long as you still believe in God and pray, you still receive forgiveness," Jad said.

Many students come from families that have traditional values, cultures and religions. When they enter college, however, many decide how closely to follow their traditional backgrounds.

For Jad, he said the transition into college has not affected his religious traditions.

DIFFERENT PATHS

Abdul Al Qahtani, senior in mechanical engineering and also a practicing Muslim, said he lives his life closely in line with the teachings of the Quran.

With the guidance of his parents, Al Qahtani said he was able to develop a strong faith during his childhood. He was constantly surrounded by other Muslims, and upon entering America, his values have not changed.

"If I see some of my [Muslim] friends doing something, I will probably do the same," he said.

In other religions, rituals might not necessarily continue into the college years. Erica Mackiewicz, sophomore in animal science and industry and agriculture communications, said the traditions in her Christian household set a foundation for the rest of her life.

However, Mackiewicz, a practicing Christian, said she used to pray before eating with her family, but admits that with a hectic schedule, remembering to do so in college has been difficult.

"[Praying] should be a priority, but it's hard to make it one when you have a million things to do," she said.

Bethany Brown, junior in pre-nursing and also a practicing Christian, said her transition to college was a process. Brown said she grew up in a Christian home, but figured out what her personal beliefs were when she left home to attend college. After struggling with depression and rebellion from her family's beliefs, Brown began to see changes in her life.

"I saw all these people leading happy lives and wondered why they were like that. I found out it was because they were living Christ-centered lives," she said. "I finally found out what it meant to be a Christian."

For other students, traditions are not as valuable. Ryan Rutowski, junior in construction science and management, said he doesn't worry about whether God

exists.

Rutowski, an athiest, grew up in a Roman Catholic home and said he wasn't a fan of organized religion. When he entered high school, questions about God's existence entered his mind.

"I found from books and the Internet that many people had the same thoughts as me," he said. "I can't understand God, so I'm not going to waste my time worrying about it."

SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

K-State's Erich Schwartz, coordinator of religious activities, said a big part of all religions is to help people enjoy healthy lives. He encourages all students to take advantage of the resources that ministries and medical professionals offer.

Schwartz also said faith based agencies can help with guidance. Sometimes a student's circumstance is harder to deal with alone.

Campus pastor David Jones, from the Ecumenical Campus Ministry, said there are more students coming to college with no religious training. Many are searching for something more, he said.

"Most students, regardless of their religious background, are actively involved in some sort of spiritual quest," Jones said.

"Most campus ministries are set up to serve the faithful or convert the unbelievers, but not too many are willing to seriously and respectfully engage the questions of those wandering."

RELIGION AT K-STATE			
There are approximately 37 campus religious organizations listed on K-State's Web site. For more information on how to get involved with any of these campus religious organizations, visit http://consider.k-state.edu/clubs/religiousclubs.htm .	Buddhist Association of Kansas State University Campus Crusade for Christ Catholic Campus Ministry and Newman Club Cats for Christ (Church of Christ) Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship (Assemblies of God) Christian Challenge (Southern Baptist) Christian Science Organization Christian Veterinary Mission Fellowship (CVF) Crossroads of ECM (Christian Explorers Ecumenical Campus Ministry)	Episcopal Church Student Group Fellowship of Christian Athletes Graduate Christian Fellowship Hillel (Jewish) Ichthus International Fellowship of the Good Shepherd Trumpeters Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Latter-day Saint Student Association Lutheran Campus Ministry (ELCA) and Lutheran Student Movement (LSM) Lutheran Student Fellowship (LCMS) Manhattan Chinese Christian Fellowshipship Mennonite Student Group	Midwest Student Ministries Monday Nite Lite (Agape Comm. Church) Muslim Student Association Navigators Orthodox Christian Fellowship PRAJN (Proclaiming Righteousness Always in Jesus Name) United Black Voices Gospel Choir United Methodist Campus Ministry (K-State Wesley) Workers of Wisdom World Christian Fellowship Young Life

HOW TO MASTER THE CAMPUS LIBRARIES

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Book yourself for a 45-minute library tour if you're more adept at finding videogame keys than book authors. The tour covers everything from using the catalog to finding your way around the building and stacks.

DISCOVER THE STUDY SPOT THAT FITS YOUR STYLE

If you can read in a crowded airport you can probably study successfully in a high-traffic area of the library. But if you need a solitary feel, head for the great room, a designated quiet zone, or a hideaway in the stacks.

ACCESS INFO ONLINE

The online catalog is a good way to start finding a book title or author, and when in doubt the help desk can be your savior.

HIT THE CAMPUS COMPUTER HAVEN

With more than 200 computers, Hale Library has K-State's biggest cluster of computers. And you also get access to DVDs and CDs.

MIX MEDIA

The media development center might not be Jay-Z's next destination for mixing an album, but it can sure help you put together a video that will take your presentation from a B-plus to a solid A.

MASTER THE HIGH-TECH SHELVES

The compact shelving system serves a purpose beyond providing great fun pushing the buttons. The motorized shelves are simple to operate once you get the hang of it.

GET YOUR SEAT AT THE TABLE


Stake your claim to a group study table, where you and your friends can discuss how to take a fresh approach to your latest anthropology project.

SPEND THE NIGHT

Have to pull an all-nighter? Head for the 24-hour study area. It can get crowded during finals, so be ready to sneak off to another study spot.

BE (REASONABLY) QUIET

The library police aren't on patrol, so appreciate your right to talk in most areas of the library without getting shushed. But if you want to avoid nasty looks from other hard-core studiers, reserve your wild parties for the weekends back at the residence hall.



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Hale Library has more than 200 computers for student use.

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SPORTS

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

OFF THE FIELD

NEON DEON



Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

Junior wide receiver **Deon Murphy** enjoys playing basketball at the Peters Recreation Complex when he's not on the football field. He explained how he balances his time between class, football and studying.

Murphy explains 2nd junior year, academic troubles

By Steve Berklund
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Deon Murphy is one of the more experienced receivers returning for the Wildcats this season. During Murphy's sophomore campaign, he caught 57 receptions for 605 yards and five touchdowns while also rushing for two scores and returning a punt for a touchdown.

In limited action as only a special teams player in the first game, Murphy returned six punts for 68 yards with a long of 30 yards setting up a Keithen Valentine touchdown on the first offensive play of the game. In the game against Montana State, Murphy broke two long plays with a 70-yard reception and 44-yard rush. Murphy, a junior from Houston, recently answered a variety of questions, ranging from his problems with academics to his hobbies.

Q: Recently it's been reported that you have an extra year of eligibility.

How did all of that come along?

A: I wasn't a full-time student when I first started junior college. I didn't even realize I had an extra year until a couple weeks ago.

Q: How hard was it to sit out all spring practice and not be able to play because of academics?

A: It was hard, man. It's always hard when you have guys looking up to you. I'm glad I'm back for the season, though.

Q: How do you balance your school work and football?

A: It's all up to how you balance your time. We study with each other and have study halls as a team.

Q: What's it like being named 2007 Big 12 Offensive Newcomer of the Year?

A: It's a blessing. It's always a blessing when you strive to do

well, and you get rewarded for it. Winning means more to me though, and I'm just looking forward to having a good season in 2008.

Q: It's been reported that you like to race all the new receivers on the team as a way of breaking in all the new guys. I heard you finally got beat. How does it feel to be second fastest guy on the team?

A: I wouldn't say I'm the second fastest guy on the team. [Brandon Banks] is smaller than I am, and smaller guys are always going to be faster. A lot of people don't know how fast Josh Moore is; I would say he's one of the fastest guys on the team as well.

Q: What do you think of all the new receivers and returning sophomore receiver Lamark Brown?

A: All of them are doing good. I have a lot of confidence in them. They're all still learning, but they're doing good.

Q: What do you like to do off the field? Any hobbies or activities?

A: I like to run around and play a little basketball at the Rec sometimes. I mostly just like to kick it with teammates and play video games using K-State.

Q: Who should Wildcat fans be looking for to make a big impact this year – other than yourself of course?

A: I would say Brandon Banks. I mean, everybody saw what he did in the first game. Josh Freeman and Keithen Valentine also will do real well this year.

Q: What are your goals for this season for yourself and the team?

A: I want to be a great leader for the team and receivers. I want to go Big 12 Championship and go 14-0. If we do well as a team, then all of the other accomplishments will come with it. I'm not worried about myself – I just want to win.

News from the sports world

MARTIN ADDS DOUG EDWARDS TO STAFF

K-State men's basketball coach Frank Martin announced Wednesday the addition of former NBA player Doug Edwards to the program as director of student-athlete development.

"Doug will be a tremendous addition to our program," Martin said. "I have known him for a long time dating back to our days at Miami Senior [High School]. I know he will be great fit in our program and will help our players reach their full potential both on and off the court. He is a winner who has always represented himself in a first-class way."

Edwards played at Florida State, where he led the Seminoles to a 68-31 (.686) record and three consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances from 1990-93. In three seasons, he scored 1,604 points, averaging 17.2 per game, which ranks fifth in school history.

Edwards, along with future NBA draft picks Charlie Ward, Sam Cassell and Bob Sura, guided Florida State to within a game of the 1993 Final Four, as the group helped the Seminoles to a 25-10 record and a second-place finish in the ACC. Edwards averaged 18.3 points and 9.4 rebounds as a senior and was selected to the All-ACC second team.

The Atlanta Hawks selected Edwards 15th in the first round of the 1993 NBA Draft. He averaged 2.4 points and 1.8 rebounds in three seasons with the Hawks (1993-95) and Vancouver Grizzlies (1995-96) before injuries shortened his playing career.

— K-State Sports Information

CHALMERS, ARTHUR FINED \$20,000 AFTER ROOKIE SYMPOSIUM INCIDENT

MIAMI - Former Kansas teammates Darrell Arthur and Mario Chalmers were fined \$20,000 apiece after being banished last week from the NBA rookie symposium, the league said Wednesday.

Security at the resort near New York where the event took place found Arthur and Chalmers in a room with two women, and the scent of marijuana was detected.

— The Associated Press

Tom Brady's injury will shift power in the NFL, but where?



JOEL JELLISON

So Tom Brady's season is over.

It was obvious to me that this was good news to most. I was sitting in Buffalo Wild Wings watching Sunday's games when it happened, and the place exploded in celebration.

Everyone was happy except the one Brady fan sitting in there.

What does that mean for all the Tom Brady haters out there and the fans of the other 31 NFL teams around the league?

It's likely a shift of power will take place in the NFL, but we won't know where that is after just one week of NFL games.

If we base the season off Week 1, Falcons' running back Michael Turner will run an MVP season and take Atlanta back to the playoffs.

Peyton Manning and the Colts will look to rebuild in the draft after finally not making the playoffs.

And after Vince Young, who is apparently the Zach Greinke of the Titans, leaves professional football for personal reasons, Tennessee will be forced to start over at quarterback.

But it seems more likely that none of that will happen this season. Instead some of the focus will go to the AFC East and who can dethrone the Patriots.

You have to keep in mind though

that the Patriots are 1-0 without Brady. Yes, they beat the Chiefs. But you have to think New England is in a bit of trouble after they let the Chiefs nearly tie the game in the last minute.

ESPN already has been on top of this story, and their pick for the East couldn't be more obvious. Immediately they have thrown the Jets into the playoffs. Of course, they have to: they gave so much coverage to the Brett Favre situation this summer, the New York "Bretts" have to be a playoff pick. Other than the Patriots, the Chargers should be pretty concerned. With no New England, they should be the obvious AFC pick, and many have picked them to go to the Super Bowl. Now they have no Shawne Merriman, and they struggled to keep the Panthers from coming back to beat them.

Still it's the first week, and if you base it all off the first week, the Steelers and Falcons could be sure Super Bowl selections.

Take this into account: A common preseason pick for the Super Bowl has been Chargers vs. Seahawks. Both those teams struggled in their first week, and the Seahawks were outmatched by the Bills.

The Bills?

How about this for an AFC Championship game based off of week one observations: Bills against the Ravens. That's a pretty crazy turnaround from a year ago.

So how will Brady's injury affect your team? It's hard to say for certain. But there could be a new team replacing New England in the postseason.

Joel Jellison is a senior in electronic journalism. Please send comments to sports@pub.ksu.edu.

Voice of the Wildcats praises Beasley, gives perspective to '08 football season

By Steve Berklund
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Voice of the K-State Wildcats, Wyatt Thompson, sat down recently to answer some questions about his seven years at K-State, his past experience and the 2008 football team.

Q: Wyatt, you've been the voice of the Cats for a while now. Where else have you worked before arriving at Kansas State?

A: I spent quite a few years early in my career in small market Kansas radio and my first job was working at Fort Hays State from 1984-89. I then spent 13 years in Fort Collins, Colo., covering Colorado State before moving to Manhattan to cover K-State Athletics.

Q. Being the voice of the Cats for the football team and basketball team, who's the best athlete you've seen play?

A: It's hard to say. There's been so many. With basketball, Michael Beasley is off the charts. He was the best basketball player in the country last year, and I think he proved that with his numbers.

Q: You have a very unique job in that you get to strictly cover K-State athletics. Is there anything else you'd rather be

doing? If so, what would you rather be doing?

A: Well, I don't think there's anything else I'd rather be doing right now, I'll put it that way. I grew up a Kansas State fan growing up 50 miles west of here.

Q: What's your favorite part of your job?

A: I think for me it's the competition at this level. Doing college football games at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, [Neb.] and Texas A&M – I mean it just doesn't get any better than this.

Q: K-State has some tough games this year against some ranked opponents such as Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas. What games are you looking forward to broadcasting the most?

A: It's hard to narrow it down. Not to avoid the question, but I think for me it's the entire body of work that makes it fun. I'm certainly looking forward to playing a team like Louisville, but I don't know how you separate playing teams like Oklahoma at home and going to Missouri. I mean I'm just really excited for the entire season.

Q. The Wildcats are off to a good start with a 2-0 record. How do you think their season

will end up?

A: Well it's hard to say exactly how it's going to go, but I think we have a better football team now than we had at the end of last year. At this level all you can ask for is to just keep getting better, and I think we will.

Q: What are the advantages of playing against a team like Louisville this early in the season?

A: I think anytime you get to expose your football program, it's a great thing. I mean it's basically a three and half hour commercial for Kansas State and Louisville. This game may not tell us everything about our team, but it will tell us a lot about our team like where we're at and where we go from here.

Q: Is there anything you think K-State fans should know about this 2008 Wildcat team they don't already know?

A: I would probably say that they've impressed me with their work ethic and attitude, and that's not the easiest thing to have when you finish the year like we did last year. These kids have really worked hard and believe in what they're doing, and they're really a tight knit group and that'll really help us throughout the year.



KANSAS FARM BUREAU
BACKS SEN. PAT
ROBERTS' RE-ELECTION

The Kansas Farm Bureau that represents more than 40,000 farmers and ranchers is endorsing Sen. Pat Roberts for re-election to his third term in the U.S. Senate, according to a recent press release.

"We need Sen. Roberts' voice in Washington," said Steve Baccus, president of Kansas Farm Bureau, in the release. "He is a leader in agriculture policy, and without him representing us in Washington, we would be in a world of hurt."

Roberts is a leader in agriculture policy in Kansas and Washington and a long-time advocate of Kansas farmers and ranchers. He is a senior member of the Senate Agriculture Committee and was a member of the committee that renewed the latest Farm Bill in Congress.

Roberts announced George Westin as the Riley County Chair for the senator's campaign, according to a second press release.

"I am excited by the support from those who share my vision for a strong national security, greater tax relief, a sensible farm policy

and a growing economy," Roberts said in the release.

ESU RECEIVES DONATION
OF 180 ACRES OF
NATURAL WETLANDS

The biology department of Emporia State University was given two wetland parcels by an anonymous donor, according to a recent press release.

The latest additions to ESU's Natural Areas system are the 52-acre Neva Marsh, which is west of Cottonwood Falls, and the 128-acre Dunlap Bottoms, that is in southeastern Morris County.

The marsh habitat is said to be in high quality, because of the numerous bird and migratory species that pass through. The soil and vegetation is being supplied by water from natural springs, rainfall and runoff from surrounding landscapes, according to the release.

"The potential of that land has gone up tenfold by the educational use of it. It's set up as a good classroom for seeing what the ecosystems was like 150 to 200 years ago," the donor said in the release. "It's hands-on learning."

The family has owned the land for many years, and

about 10 years ago, went through the federal Wetlands Reserve Program to ensure that the land will be perpetually preserved under federal protection.

The donor grew up in Emporia and thinks that ESU is an ideal recipient for the land.

"I feel really good about it," the donor said in the release. "Education is one thing that you can pass on from generation to generation. That's a gift that gives directly and indirectly ... That in itself is very rewarding, to know that you've facilitated such an action."

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Matt Binter
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FITZWATER | Former press secretary notices community movement

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with reducing the government's influence like voters were under Reagan, but instead they are concerned with making the government more effective and efficient.

Though he said much of this change will depend on the next U.S. president, much of this movement has occurred at the community level – in politics as well as in journalism.

“Community journalism will see changes along the lines of more people wanting to get into it,” he said. “These are young people who want to be a part of their community. They want to help those around

them and want to be involved in civic improvements.”

Though Fitzwater said many national reporters view the movement to more local coverage as a decline in the quality and reputation of journalism, he did not necessarily agree.

“I don't know that that's true,” he said. “I think there's gold-star journalism about to emerge in different areas of community journalism and certainly as we see it on the Internet and other operations.”

Fitzwater said local coverage and national reporting have more similarities than many people think. He compared some journalists' blogs to local

4-H club reports that were conversational, cheery and informational.

Fitzwater, who worked at several community papers in the Manhattan area, said many of the values and teachings he learned at those papers prepared him well for his various jobs in the federal government and determining what were the right decisions as press secretary.

“I think Kansas breeds a little bit of the right thing in people, and there are a good set of values to take with you around the world,” he said, “and I tried to do the same thing.”

One lesson he said he learned was from the director of the K-State news

bureau in the early 1960s, who told him that all media releases are important to someone. Fitzwater said this taught him that all people have different points of view.

“It doesn't matter what you're thinking is or how well thought out it is or how right you think you are, there are always people who have a different point of view and think you're totally wrong,” he said.

Fitzwater also used some comedy while talking about his past, saying he remembers the current President Bush when he was a young, more reckless man.

“I knew President Bush 43, the current one,

as a young man back when he cared a little more about beer than he did politics,” he said. “But even then he said things like ‘don't mis- underestimate me.’”

Coleman Younger, sophomore in political science and mass communications, said he thought the speech was good and covered several important topics. Though he had to attend the speech for class, he said he would have attended it anyway.

“It's kind of one of those opportunities you don't get every day,” Younger said.

Gloria Freeland, assistant professor of journalism and mass communications, said she was encour-

aged by Fitzwater's emphasis on solving problems by working together, not by attacking the other side.

“I think the most important message was the idea of the consensus of trying to work together, not just the black and the white,” she said.

As director of the Huck Boyd National Center for Community Media, which sponsored Fitzwater's lecture, Freeland said she sees many of the same trends as Fitzwater in terms of localized news.

“People are really hungry for local news,” she said. “... They want to hear national and international news, but they also want to hear the local angles.”

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By Amanda Moerlien
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The McCain Performance Series will present “First Person: Stories from the Edge of the World” at 7:30 p.m. Friday, according to a recent press release.

Neal Conan, host of National Public Radio’s “Talk of the Nation,” will team up with National Geographic to feature on-stage projections with Conan’s narration of journal entries from some of the world’s most accomplished explorers.

The show will be set to the music of Ensemble Galilei, a group with classical and Celtic backgrounds, according to the release.

The narratives will be first-person accounts about exploration and discovery from adventurers like Charles Darwin and Jacques Cousteau. Maps and artwork chosen from the National Geographic Image Collection will enhance the stories. The

full collection holds more than 10 million pieces.

K-State’s Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art will have an exhibition of this artwork from Sept. 12–Dec. 7 for no charge to the public. For more information on this exhibit, call 785-532-7718.

Tickets for the event at McCain start at \$14 for students and \$28 for the general public. Call the McCain box office at 785-532-6428 or visit www.k-state.edu/mccain to purchase tickets.

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“It was like one big adventure. Every day there was something new and exciting to look forward to,” Landis said. “It was a great experience to immerse [myself] in a different culture and broaden my world view.”

Many students like Landis have experienced semesters, summers or years abroad, and the Study Abroad Fair has served as a catalyst into this life-changing world.

“I really encourage students to attend,” Redington said. “The decision to study abroad while in college causes you to grow as an individual and it can change the whole course of your life.”

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Collins manages Manhattan landmark

By Joel Aschbrenner
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To the many who drive past, it is just another stone building along the road, but to Cheryl Collins, the Goodnow Historic Site is one of the most important pieces of Manhattan history.

“I think local history, and learning local history is one way that people can feel like a part of their place, and feel that personal connection to their place,” Collins said. “Sites like the Goodnow House, that can give people that personal connection, are really important.”

Collins, the Director of the Riley County Historical Museum, has been working with the museum since 1980, and has been the director since 1988. As the museum director, Collins runs the day-to-day operations of the museum and the historic Goodnow House, at 2309 Claflin Road.

The museum offers educational programs for children and adults, tours of the Goodnow House and other local historic sites, as well as bus tours.

“We offer the whole

gamut,” Collins said. “Educationally I think we have a pretty broad spectrum, and I’m pretty proud of that.”

Collins said she takes pride in how involved the museum is in different programs.

“We do whatever needs done: tours, speaking to groups, cleaning and designing educational programs for children and adults and research,” she said. “We are continuing to learn new things about the house and the people that lived there, and that’s really important so we can find those interesting connections.”

Collins said she and the staff at the museum assist several researchers including: genealogical researchers, history students, residents looking to uncover local artifacts, and even people looking for historically “haunted” houses.

Collins, who has two history degrees from K-State, said her job allows her to manage one of the most important historical sites in the state.

“I like getting a chance to look at Goodnow’s era,” she said. “He was one of the founders of Manhat-

tan and one of the leaders of the free-state movement that has given me a chance to look at that era in a way that I wouldn’t have otherwise.”

Isaac Goodnow, a Rhode Island abolitionist, built the house in 1861, after moving to Kansas to help make it a free state. Goodnow was one of Manhattan’s first residents, and also helped found Bluemont College in 1863, which eventually became Kansas State University.

The Goodnow House is one of 17 Kansas state historic sites, and is also one of the features of the Freedom Frontier National Heritage Area, which encompasses 41 counties in Missouri and Kansas, and honors the fight against slavery along the states’ border.

“The history that we have, through the Goodnow house, has national, and by extension, international connections,” Collins said. “And that is very exciting.”

In 1996, the Riley County Historical Society and Kansas State Historical Society entered into a partnership, to care for the house,

making it a landmark for both groups. The house is open to tours from 2-5 p.m. on the weekends, and is also open, when staff is available, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday.

“I think every student should visit the Goodnow House at least once during their term as students at K-State,” Collins said. “We’ve had a number of students visit over the years and we’re always looking for opportunities to partner with students or student groups, but we would like more.”

The house, however, is closed for renovations. Workers from the state historical society have worked on it since mid-April, and will have the house ready to reopen by October.

The Riley County Historical Society also manages the Wolff House Museum, at 630 Freemont St., which depicts 1880s life in Riley



Cheryl Collins, director of the Riley County Historical Museum, stands outside the newly painted Goodnow House on Claflin Wednesday afternoon.

County. It also manages the Rocky Ford School, which is from the 1920s, and the Pioneer Log Cabin, in City Park, which is open to the public on weekends.



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